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SITUATION REPORT

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IRAN

President Bani-Sadr is losing ground to the hardline clerics in the struggle to choose a Prime Minister. [redacted]

Bani-Sadr's weak position has already forced him to ask the Islamic Assembly to postpone judgment on his nomination of Mir-Salim for prime minister. He has also had to accept the formation of a cleric-dominated legislative committee to examine the credentials of all nominees for the post. Ayatollah Khomeini appears unwilling to help resolve the deadlock and has refused to appoint a representative to the committee, virtually ensuring that the impasse will drag on. [redacted]

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The clerics are virtually certain to prevail in the end because of their strong position in the Assembly. If Bani-Sadr resigns or is forced from office, new presidential elections would be necessary, and the Assembly debate on the hostages probably would be delayed further. Meanwhile, the Assembly has postponed establishing a committee

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to begin studying the hostage crisis following Khomeini's tough statement on Sunday on the "oppressed" Iranian students in the US. [redacted]

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Crackdown on Tudeh

Tehran radio reports that the Tudeh Party's offices in Langarud and Bandar-e Anzali in Gilan Province were destroyed by anti-Communist mobs last week. Gilan is a traditional stronghold of leftist influence in Iran, and [redacted] the Tudeh has strong support in the area. [redacted]

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The Tudeh's headquarters in Tehran and Esfahan were attacked last month, [redacted]

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[redacted] There is no indication that the crackdown on the Tudeh has been authorized by the government; it is more likely that individual clerical leaders are behind the attacks. [redacted]

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JAMAICA: Moving Toward the Election

Prime Minister Manley has told the US Embassy and leaders of his People's National Party he will hold the national election by early October, 18 months before the end of his constitutional mandate. [redacted]

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Leaders of the moderate opposition Jamaican Labor Party, which is favored to defeat Manley, reportedly believe that the election will proceed on schedule. They contend that a delay is unlikely because the Prime Minister has been unable to raise enough foreign credits to keep his government afloat after October. [redacted]

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[redacted]

Election preparations are now so far advanced that Manley would have great difficulty turning back. Registration of the over 800,000 voters is virtually complete, both parties have nominated all their 60 candidates, and vigorous campaigning is under way. The Labor Party and the moderate-controlled electoral commission, which Manley helped form, apparently believe that the groundwork for a fair election is being established. [redacted]

Nevertheless, the attempt by some Cuban-assisted radicals in Manley's entourage to increase violence will continue to threaten a fair election. Since last March, ruling-party thugs--about 120 of whom have received weapons training in Cuba this year--have terrorized opposition

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neighborhoods and have attacked several police stations in a calculated effort to intimidate the ill-equipped and overworked police. [REDACTED]

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Opposition leaders reportedly believe Manley's recent effort to expand the security forces and to sideline ruling-party gunmen are sincere. Most local observers seem convinced, however, that the unprecedented level of political violence in this campaign will continue through election day. [REDACTED]

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NICARAGUA: Domestic and International Criticism

The Sandinista government shows no sign of altering its basic policies despite negative domestic and foreign reactions to its handling of the first anniversary of the revolution on 19 July.

The National Directorate thus far has withstood domestic criticism of its failure to [redacted] [redacted] announce a specific date for municipal elections during the ceremonies in Managua. [redacted]

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The government may compromise on the elections to avoid further alienating the business community and Western economic support, but the Directorate's characterization of elections as vestiges of "bourgeois democracy" is another sign that it intends to control the electoral process. To give some substance to their claim to be broadly representative, the Sandinistas late last month established the Patriotic Front of the Revolution, uniting three small parties with the Sandinista Front. [redacted]

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The increase in small-scale terrorist attacks by anti-Sandinista groups during July probably were designed to spoil the anniversary celebrations. Nonetheless, the Sandinistas' rapidly improving security forces--strengthened by Cuban training and shipments of Soviet and East European arms--will guarantee the Directorate's firm grip. [redacted]

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EC - MIDDLE EAST: EC President's Mission

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EC President Thorn's visit to Israel has failed to produce any new openings toward peace in the Middle East.

During this first phase of the EC "contacts mission" to the Middle East, Prime Minister Begin and other leaders reiterated to Luxembourg Foreign Minister Thorn well-known hardline positions on the Palestine Liberation Organization, Jerusalem, and other issues, and tried to discourage any new EC initiatives. After Thorn's departure, Tel Aviv officially complained to Washington about his mission and the EC abstention at the UN special session on Palestine.

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Thorn disturbed West Bank Palestinian leaders by his refusal to meet with them while briefly in Israel's occupied territory. Led by Bethlehem Mayor Freij, they wanted to convey a more moderate Palestinian stance than PLO Chairman Arafat was likely to take with Thorn.

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Thorn visited Beirut yesterday, will continue to Damascus and Amman, and return to Europe on 10 August. The stop in Beirut included discussions with Arafat and with Lebanese leaders. Thorn is to visit other Arab capitals on a new trip later this month and will report to his fellow EC foreign ministers on 15 September.

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Until now, the EC has maintained that no new policy initiative would be possible before the US elections. The UK and the Netherlands have been particularly sensitive to US views, and do not want to appear to undermine Camp David. France, on the other hand, probably would support an early EC initiative if one could be devised that appeared constructive in West European and Arab eyes.

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With nothing planned between 15 September and the US elections to maintain the appearance of a continuing Western peace effort, the Community may feel new pressure to take some action to fill this gap, especially if the members foresee a shift in US policy in favor of Israel.

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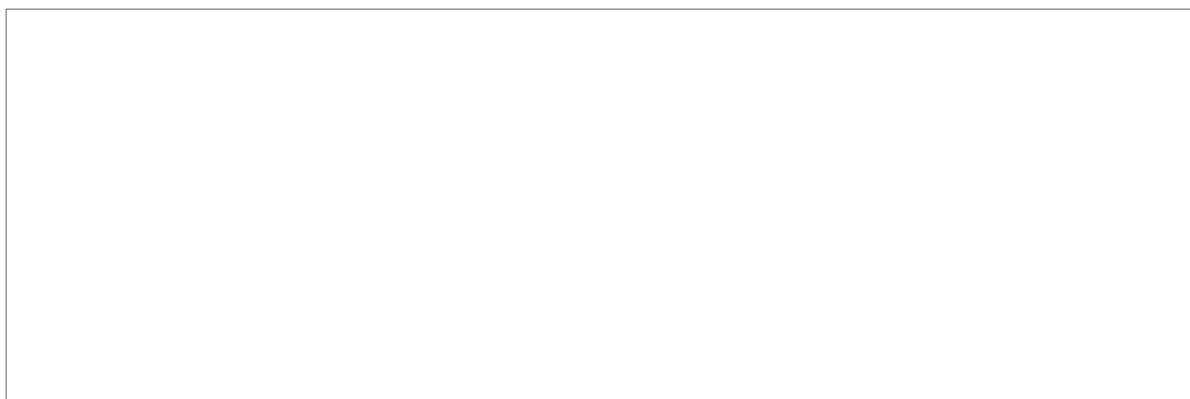
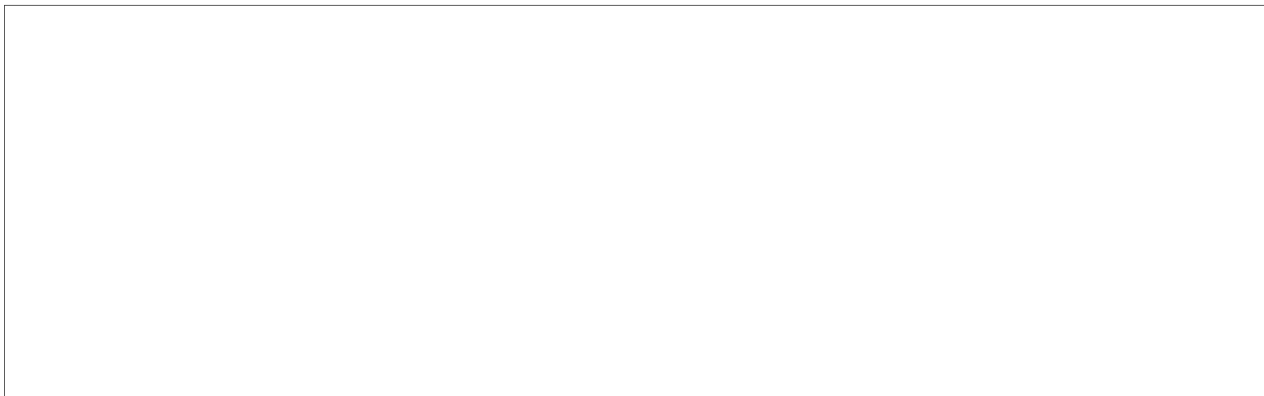
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CUBA: Increase in Refugees

The flow of Cuban refugees to Florida is increasing despite US deterrent measures. The number of arrivals, which had been averaging about 500 a week earlier in July, rose to 1,142 last week. Havana could maintain this rate for at least a month. [redacted]

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the number of small pleasure craft in Mariel harbor has doubled over the past week. On Sunday, 37 boats--capable of carrying at least 2,500 people--were seen in the vicinity of the refugee pier and we expect boats will continue to arrive. [redacted]

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Cubans are still forming long lines at police stations and emigration offices to request permission to leave. [redacted]

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MEXICO-CUBA: Lopez Portillo's Trip

In his speech in Cuba on Saturday, President Lopez Portillo emphasized Mexico's solidarity with Cuba while subtly encouraging Castro to seek greater independence from the USSR. He did not criticize the US by name but, in line with his concern for nonintervention by either superpower, condemned the maintenance of "areas of influence of all hegemonies." The joint communique reiterated Mexico's longstanding support for an end to the economic embargo of Cuba, the return of the Guantanamo Naval Base, and called for an end to violations of Cuban air space. Lopez Portillo publicly offered to broker negotiations with the US on ending the embargo.

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On Sunday, the Mexican President traveled to Costa Rica to sign, along with Venezuela's President Herrera, the joint oil agreement for Central America and the Caribbean. Before returning to Mexico, he stopped briefly in Nicaragua--a major beneficiary of the oil facility--to confer with government leaders.

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YUGOSLAVIA-USSR: Acquisition of T-72 Tanks

Yugoslavia apparently has acquired as many as 30 Soviet T-72 tanks. Only five other countries outside the Warsaw Pact--India, Iraq, Syria, Libya, and Algeria--have T-72s. In January 1979, the Yugoslavs reportedly signed a licensing contract with the Soviets for limited T-72 coproduction,

The Yugoslavs have made modest efforts to modernize their tank inventory, which consists of outdated Soviet and US equipment. Economic constraints, however, will limit any near-term large-scale Yugoslav purchases of new tanks; antitank, antisubmarine, and air defense equipment will probably receive priority.

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CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC: Dissatisfaction Mounting

President Dacko is alienating his French benefactors, who provided him with the military assistance to oust Emperor Bokassa. The French are upset over Dacko's refusal to fire his Prime Minister and Vice President, both of whom are extremely unpopular holdovers from the Bokassa regime. Public unhappiness over the Prime Minister's corrupt activities may result in demonstrations that the country's security forces might not be able to contain. Civil servants are disgruntled over low wages and are threatening to strike. The approximately 500 French troops in the country probably would help Dacko restore order, but there are limits to France's willingness to keep him in power. [REDACTED]

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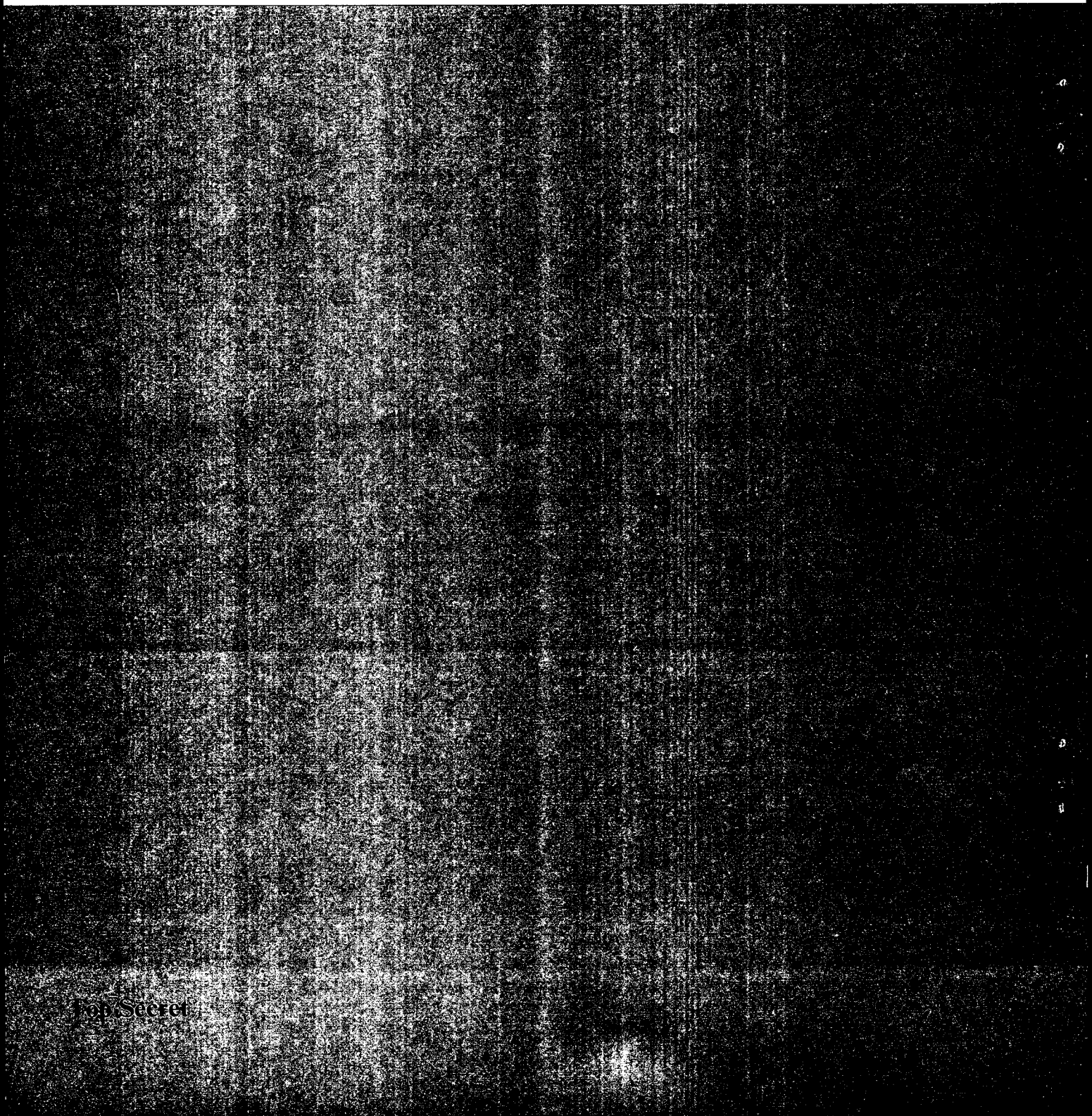
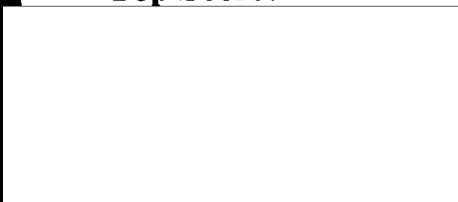
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